

and we are now rejoicing in the  
"transference" of his Chief Commission  
We do not know yet who succeeds Mr  
Ayrton but believe it will be one who  
has shown himself a warm approver  
of Kew

Your very sincerely  
George Dontham

25, WILTON PLACE.  
S.W.

May 10/73

My dear Gray

I have been for some time  
engaged in the *Minorea* for the *Flora*  
*Brasiliensis* which I have pretty well  
got through up to *Thymelaeaceae* and I find  
I have such an accumulation of notes  
and corrections to my *Genera* now  
thirty years old that I am disposed to  
give a general revision in the style  
of my *India* paper and for fear of  
forgetting some of your species could  
you get me a list made out of all  
your *Indicae* & *Beyan* etc species  
with references to where they are  
published? you would do me a  
service. I have reduced several  
of my species of *Minorea* itself and yet  
I have now 275 of what I believe to

be good species - Now that more plants  
are known the distinction between  
Habronia and Oberea quite breaks  
down and I have a different sequence  
of series - *M. fragrans* and *M. borealis*  
for instance cannot be separated into  
distinct sections the valves are not always  
articulate in the one nor always undivided  
in the other and the malacophyllo is  
sometimes articulate sometimes inarticulate  
the character is sometimes a general  
but not an absolute one - All my  
South American *Leptocorpa* except  
*L. leptocorpa* (which is *L. hamata* H. & A.)  
prove to be true *Mimoras* - *L. brachycarpa*  
becomes *M. invidiosa* Hart and includes  
what we have as *M. diplotricha* of  
Wright's Cuban Plants - By the bye is  
that name published - the only copy  
we have of of Lauwalle's list is in  
loose sheets and imperfect the sheet  
in which are the *Mimoras* is wanting  
where can the book or paper be

procured? If you could procure it for  
us I should feel very much obliged  
Wright's W. Indian and Cuban  
*Mimoras* are very badly - or rather  
very carelessly done. In his desire to  
knock up my staminal characters he says  
that Jacquin is wrong in figuring  
numerous stamens in *Aracea tamorensis*  
Several specimens is named of Wright's  
kind. I have more than 50 stamens  
and the only decandrous one so named by  
him is a true *Mimora* from the Cuban collection  
cultivated in Mr. Lavis Garden. His *Lepidome-  
charaxia* is nothing but a *Callandra*  
*Callandra portoricensis* in which the  
margin of the pod has been torn  
away evidently from the thin sides  
and there are several other faulty conclusions  
which are to be regretted as they take  
much from the high value I had originally  
been desirous to attach to his labours.

As soon as I can get these *Mimoras*  
off my hands I hope to get to Gen. Pl. again  
Hooker has just returned from a trip  
to Newcym with renewed vigour